

Sarah Vizer Thorrick, CPA

Professional Summary

Credentialed, degreed accounting professional with seven years of audit experience with KPMG and Ernst & Young, two “Big Four” public accounting firms, currently teaching accounting at Loyola University of New Orleans. Served as the manager and team leader for the audits of banking, venture capital, oilfield services, non-profit and real estate investment clients, amongst others. Performed procedures related to the S-1 filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for initial public offering, and filings related to debt offerings. Performed audits of IFRS clients. Lead trainings to teach other executive to train staff. Additional previous experience as a successful sole proprietor and educator. Driven by challenge, passion for education and research, and the opportunity for professional growth and advancement.

Professional Experience

Loyola University; New Orleans, Louisiana 2012- present

- Teach Audit, Accounting Information Systems, Managerial Accounting, and other accounting classes as a member of the Accounting Department Faculty
- Performed accounting research with a focus on audit, and the behavioral characteristics of accountants

KPMG, LLP; New Orleans, Louisiana 2010-2012

- Managed financial statement audits of clients in the following industries: oilfield services, benefit plans, non-profit foundations, and various consumer goods and services.
- Performed and managed audits of IFRS clients, including the preparation of IFRS financial statements and conversion from US GAAP to IFRS.
- Coordinated with teams throughout the USA and international teams on the performance of multinational audits.
- Prepared and reviewed financial statements for private clients, reviewed financial statements of public clients and reviewed SEC filings.
- Managed teams and performed administrative responsibilities including schedule, budgeting, billing and forecasting.
- Supervised and thoroughly reviewed the work of others and developed additional procedures to address financial issues or disclosure deficiencies that required further attention.
- Prepared assessments of senior auditors and other team members. formal staff evaluations upon completion of engagements.

Ernst & Young, LLP; New Orleans, Louisiana 2005 -2010

- Executed all aspects of the financial statement audit process, including scheduling, budgeting, planning, fieldwork, reporting, and supervision of audit team for numerous public and private companies.
- Prepared and reviewed drafts of financial statements for compliance with GAAP and SEC requirements
- Developed a strong working knowledge of accounting and technical issues such as asset impairment assessments, valuations, allowance for loan losses, loan review, and income tax provisions
- Supervised and thoroughly reviewed the work of others and developed additional procedures to address financial issues or disclosure deficiencies that required further attention.
- Prepared formal staff evaluations upon completion of engagements.
- Assisted staff in performing detailed tests of client controls and assessing the effectiveness of these controls, including performing audits of internal controls under section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (SOX). If applicable, internal control and process improvement recommendations were made as a part of this process.
- Performed research in relation to technical issues and formulated appropriate conclusions in order to effectively communicate solutions to team members and client personnel.
- Led “Instructor Development Workshop” to Ernst & Young executives from throughout the US at the Ernst & Young offices in Houston, TX.
- Instructed training courses on certain technical skills to Ernst & Young staff at the Ernst & Young offices in Houston, TX

Argentine Tango Teacher and Performer; New Orleans, Louisiana 1998 - 2005

- Coordinate and direct events, workshops and performances of Argentine Tango
- Teach, choreograph and perform tango in the USA and Europe.

Education

University of New Orleans; New Orleans, Louisiana 2001 - 2005

MS in Accounting, 4.0 GPA

- Teaching Assistant – performed research and assisted with teaching for 3 faculty members

MA in Arts Administration, 4.0 GPA

- Teaching Assistant and Theater Manager – managed 450 seat university theater
 - Focus on financial management and policy

Bennington College; Bennington, Vermont 1991 - 1995

BA in Modern Dance Choreography, minored in English

Certifications and Professional Affiliations

Certified Public Accountant (CPA)

- Currently licensed in Louisiana
- Passed each section of the Uniform CPA Examination on the first attempt
- Member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)